

Carmack on Guessing.

On the flyleaf of the campaign book recently issued by the republican congressional committee, these words appear:

"You do not have to guess what the republican party will do. The whole world knows its purposes. It has embodied them in law and executed them in administration."

Senator Carmack of Tennessee, commenting upon this statement, recently gave out the following interview:

"I think there is a measure of truth in this quotation. The whole country, if not the whole world, is beginning to know the purposes of the republican party, though it has not as yet fully embodied them in law and executed them in administration. There is a pretty safe rule to follow in determining what the republican party will do, and that is that it will not do what it professes to intend, and that it will do what is seems most anxious to avoid."

"If the world knows the purposes of the republican party it does not gather its knowledge from republican platforms. It had always professed to be ardently in favor of bimetalism up to the very time it finally enacted the gold standard. The world may have known what the purposes of the republican party were, but the republican party certainly never intended that the people should know."

"The same is true of its record on reciprocity. If Mr. McKinley were living today he would probably confess that he himself was mistaken as to the purposes of the republican party on this question."

"Perhaps the world knows what the republican party intends to do on the tariff and trust question. It probably knows that it has no thought of passing Mr. Babcock's tariff bill or Mr. Littlefield's anti-trust bill, but I am very sure that the managers of the

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republican party have very strong hope that the people of the United States do not know.

"When Mr. Littlefield's anti-trust bill went through the house of representatives at the first session of the Fifty-sixth congress, did the world know that it was the purpose of the republican party to use that bill simply for campaign purposes, and then let it die without one effort to save it at the next session of congress? There is certainly very credible doubt in the minds of some very prominent republicans today as to what should be the purpose of the republican party in dealing with the tariff at the next session of congress. There are some who actually believe that it will effect a genuine revision of our tariff schedules. There are others who are equally as confident that these schedules will not be touched."

"Sometimes the republican party embodies an alleged purpose in law and does not execute it in administration. The Sherman anti-trust law, for instance—that law has its periods of activity during campaigns, but always relapses into innocuous desuetude when the campaign is over."

"Does the whole world or do the American people know what are the

purposes of the republican party in the Philippine islands? The party leaders evidently think so, and they therefore consider it unnecessary to make any public statement on the question. It has emphatically declined to say whether it intends to hold the Philippines permanently as a vassal province; whether it intends to incorporate them into the union, or whether it intends at some time or other to give the people freedom and independence."

"You will find among the party leaders and supporters of the administration men like Spooner who think a colonial policy would entail vast burdens and dangers upon the United States; men like Beveridge who think it is our destiny and duty to go forth conquering and to conquer; men like the president, who like this kind of thing because it is warlike; men like Secretary Shaw, who think there is money in the business of seizing territory and killing the inhabitants; other men who think we ought to get out of the Philippines, but don't know how to do it; in fact, all shades and varieties of opinion. You might take a dozen republican senators at random and no statement of the purpose of the republican party in the Philip-

pires could be written that would command a majority of their votes."

"If the people of the United States are to look into the legislative record of the republican party for the future indication of what may be expected of it, where will they look, and what will they find? Nothing consistent in any line."

Let Him Show It.

The president of the United States will be acting in the interests of the people, whom he is in office to serve, if he will take a personal interest in the anthracite coal strike. True it would place him in an embarrassing position to take a hand in that strike, but surely he is brave, strenuous and fond of fight. Let him mount his governmental broncho and ride into the fray and at least give the coal operators a little advice. He is opposed to trusts, he says, so let him show some opposition to the one trust—the coal trust—that is making the most disastrous fight against the laboring man today in the east.—Springfield (Ill.) State Register.